



2005 Annual Report

The 17th annual Beach Sweep River Sweep statewide clean up occurred on September 17th from 9am-12pm. Weather conditions across the state were warm but favorable for the event. Water levels were low. Site captains in 30 counties around the state reported holding Beach Sweep River Sweep events.** 68 sites were scheduled to participate and, of those, data was received from 60 sites for a response rate of 88%. A response was considered to be a communication from the site captain regarding the number of volunteers, amount of trash collected (either by weight or bags), and approximate miles covered. Data from the event is presented below in several tables, if you have further questions please contact me at the following:

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***Please note that the numbers below do not include coastal sites and volunteers coordinated by Coastal Coordinator Susan Ferris Hill of SC Sea Grant Consortium. These numbers are available upon request or from www.scseagrant.org.*

2005 Quick Facts

Number of inland counties in South Carolina with Beach Sweep River Sweep clean-ups reported	30	
Reported Beach Sweep River Sweep inland volunteers	2117	
Reported waterbodies cleaned as a result of Beach Sweep River Sweep 2005	45 waterbodies cleaned by 60 reported Sweep clean-ups	
Estimated trash bags used	6,144 bags	
Estimated pounds of litter and aquatic debris removed from South Carolina waterways	95,870 lbs	43.5 metric tons
Estimated miles cleaned	684.25 miles	

2005 Top Ten

Approximately 25% of site captains who reported data returned volunteer data cards that categorized trash, litter, and debris collected. This valuable information helped us compile the *2005 Top Ten*, a listing of the most common litter collected in, on, or around our inland waterways by Beach Sweep River Sweep volunteers.

1.	Beverage containers	2825
	– cans	
2.	Beverage containers	1389
	– plastic	
3.	Beverage containers	1217
	– glass	
4.	Cigarettes, filters	1576
5.	Food wrappers	777
6.	Bait containers	476
7.	Cups, plates	449
8.	Bags	439
9.	Buoys, floats, bobbies	281
10.	Tires	191

2005 Unusual Items

fire extinguishers	propane tanks	broken sailing mast
television	sofa	old baby carriage
industrial dock bumpers	buoy lights	public parking meter
plastic chairs	coolers	shopping cart
bowling balls	boom box	electric bug zapper
‘stranded’ car battery	wood and metal fencing	refrigerator
baseball glove	volleyball	aquarium
partial metal swing set	paint buckets containing paint	horse shoe

2005 Comments from Site Captains

“We had a huge successful river sweep! It was amazing! Thanks so much for the opportunity to get everyone together for such a great cause.” *Saluda River*

“..about 3000 lbs pulled...definitely less than other years; and we only pulled 124 tires out this year...down from our record of 200 and our average of 150/year.” *Reedy River*

“All in all, it was a very successful and enjoyable event.” *Edisto River*

“WOW, what a day!” *Ashley River*

“ It tripled my satisfaction of participating by cleaning the environment, helping our local community, and setting a positive example for my daughter and her friends.” *Azalea Park*

“Had a great time and look forward to next year.” *Lake Marion*

2005 Site Captain Reported Information by County

Information presented below was gathered using Beach Sweep River Sweep data cards completed by participants on the day of the event and mailed to the inland coordinator as well as site captain reports submitted by email or phone after the event. Cumulative figures presented as totals represent a reasonable estimate of citizen participation, litter collected, and miles covered.

COUNTIES	Sites signed up	Sites reported	Volunteers	Lbs	Miles	Trash bags	Waterbodies
Abbeville							
Aiken	1	1	8	45	2	3	Edisto River
Allendale							
Anderson	3	3	605	25715	263	1726	Lake Hartwell; Saluda River
Bamberg	2	2	21	1030	11.25	69	Edisto River, Salkehatchie River
Barnwell	1	1	12	160	0.5	16	Salkehatchie River
Beaufort							COASTAL
Berkeley	1	1	96	3825	1.5	175	Cooper River
Calhoun							
Charleston							COASTAL
Cherokee	2	2	18	1610	2.5	102	Lake Cherokee; Broad River
Chester							
Chesterfield	1	1	7	45	1.5	3	Lake Juniper and Juniper Creek
Clarendon	2	2	54	2435	15.25	165	Lake Marion
Colleton							COASTAL
Darlington	2	1	6	180	1.5	15	Dargan's Pond; Louthers Lake; Prestwood Lake
Dillon	1	1	1	30	0.5	2	Little Pee Dee River
Dorchester	3	3	22	765	3.5	40	Ashley River; Eagle Creek
Edgefield							
Fairfield	1	1	12	900	4.5	100	Lake Wateree
Florence	2	2	18	495	5.25	42	Jeffries Creek; Lynches River
Georgetown	4	4	23	340	1	31	Black River; Waccamaw River
Greenville	2	2	91	4680	4.5	298	Reedy River
Greenwood	1	1	5	300	3	22	Lake Greenwood
Hampton	2	2	16	410	4.25	25	Lake Warren; Salkehatchie River
Horry	1	1	8	240	1	20	Waccamaw River
Jasper	2	0					Corner's Lake; Bolen Hall Creek
Kershaw	1	0					
Lancaster							
Laurens	1	1	60	1200	1	120	Bush River
Lee	2	2	11	315	0.5	21	Lynches River
Lexington	5	5	169	2865	8.25	179	Congaree Creek; Lake Murray; Saluda River;
Marion	1	0					Great Pee Dee River

Marlboro							
McCormick							
Newberry	1	1	12	300	0.25	20	Broad River
Oconee	2	2	316	10678	302	548	Lake Keowee; Lake Hartwell; Chauga River
Orangeburg	4	4	48	1310	6.5	91	Lake Marion; Edisto River
Pickens	2	2	17	282	2.25	20	Pinnacle and Oolenoy Lake; Twelve Mile River
Richland	6	5	149	5545	16	361	Windsor Lake; Saluda River; Congaree River
Saluda							
Spartanburg	2	2	270	29580	17	1882	Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock
Sumter	2	1	8	105	0.25	8	Sparkleberry Swamp
Union	1	0					Enoree River
Williamsburg	3	3	19	215	0.75	22	Black River; Waccamaw River
York	1	1	15	270	2	18	Catawba River
State Totals	68	60	2117	95870	684.25	6144	
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